

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are subject to a Restriction requirement made by the Examiner in the Communication dated September 9, 2004. Applicants hereby elect without traverse **Group 1**, which includes **claims 1-14**. Therefore, applicants have withdrawn claims 15-19 by this Response.

On September 7, 2004, the Examiner contacted the undersigned attorney, who is acting as applicants' representative. In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, the undersigned attorney at that time elected Group 1. Notwithstanding this oral election, The Examiner issued the written restriction requirement to which this paper is responding. Because applicants' representative made an oral election of Group 1 on September 7, 2004, applicants do not believe it proper to have issued the written restriction requirement. Consequently, applicants also believe it is improper for any fee for extension of time to be levied upon applicants. Applicants therefore request the fee for extension of time be waived for this response.

Respectfully Submitted,


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